

Dear commissioners, I have had xm since January this year(2004).I really like the service! There is something for everyone.

We have infact 4 xm receivers for my whole family.

I must start my day at 3:30am most days.I'm in transit by 5:30a,it's a needed service to have the xm traffic and weather channels.None of my local Baltimore AMorFM stations have live programming overnights anymore thanks to the telecom act of 1996.

If the NAB is so concerned about XM providing local traffic and weather then the NAB should force it's members(inBaltimore WQSR and the other 7 stations Viacom owns plus WJZ TV) to put back those services overnights and weekends.Since the stations in this market automate now on weekends for example I can't get up to the minute news and weather let alone live news without XM!

Remember you folkes work for us not Clear Channel Viacom or Radio One.Don't give in to these major companies that own everything and don't want to provide even the basic services which is the main reason for being on the am and fm band in the first place!

Another real case in point was the Water Taxi incident in Baltimore a few months ago.When that storm came up all of the am and fm stations in this city were on automation the only way to get live info was on XM via FOX andCNN.The fm here was all music and the am stations were running sports or various forms of brokered programming.XM was a life saver!

The traffic and weather channels are very needed not only for a local situation but if one is traveling from Baltimore or D.C.to lets say Pittsburgh I can punch that city's info up and get an idea what I'm facing weather or traffic wise or whether the airport has any delays or problems for example.The weather and traffic channels should stay.

I have put my money where my mouth is I am an XM subscriber I don't want the greedy spoiled broadcasters and the NAB limiting my choices,they have no right to do so.It would be like over the air television asking you the F.C.C. to stop the Cable or Satelite services from offering movies or news because it's unfair for consumers to have those choices.Well over the air has lost audience because the broadcasters decided to run infomercials instead of real programming.

Radio station owners don't care about us,the listener.They care about the advertisers and only the advertisers.XM cares about it's subcribers by providing great programming and needed traffic and weather information.

Thanks for your time and I hope you won't take away my choice,a choice that I pay for!

Regards,
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